

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 6304, FISA Amendments Act.

Senate passed H.R. 6331, Medicare Improvements For Patients and Providers Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6451–S6510

Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3234–3236. **Page S6504**

Measures Passed:

FISA Amendments Act: By 69 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate passed H.R. 6304, to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to establish a procedure for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

Pages S6454–76

Rejected:

By 32 yeas to 66 nays (Vote No. 164), Dodd Amendment No. 5064, to strike title II.

Pages S6468–69

Withdrawn:

By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 165), Specter Amendment No. 5059, to limit retroactive immunity for providing assistance to the United States to instances in which a Federal court determines the assistance was provided in connection with an intelligence activity that was constitutional. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

Pages S6454, S6469

By 42 yeas to 56 nays (Vote No. 166), Bingaman Amendment No. 5066, to stay pending cases against certain telecommunications companies and provide that such companies may not seek retroactive immunity until 90 days after the date the final report of the Inspectors General on the President's Surveillance Program is submitted to Congress. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn).

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 72 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 167), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Pages S6470–71**

Medicare Improvements For Patients And Providers Act: Senate passed H.R. 6331, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access. **Pages S6476–90**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider Vote No. 160, taken on June 26, 2008, by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to the bill be agreed to. **Page S6451**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 169), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S6489**

Measures Considered:

Foreclosure Prevention Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to H.R. 3221, to provide needed housing reform. **Pages S6490–93**

Senator Reid entered a motion to disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives, adding a new title and inserting a new section to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6490**

Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives, adding a new title to the amendment of the Senate to the

bill with the following amendments proposed there-to:

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 5067 (to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House adding a new title to the amendment of the Senate), to change the enactment date. **Page S6490**

Reid Amendment No. 5068 (to Amendment No. 5067), of a perfecting nature. **Page S6490**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the amendment at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2008. **Page S6510**

Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2731, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide assistance to foreign countries to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria. **Pages S6493–94**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Friday, July 11, 2008. **Page S6493**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, July 10, 2008, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, following consultation with the Republican Leader, notwithstanding rule XXII if applicable, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of General David H. Petraeus, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Raymond T. Odierno, USA, for appointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, Multi-National Force-Iraq, and that there be 20 minutes of debate to run concurrently on both nominations, with the time equally divided and controlled between the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Armed Services, that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations, and that the second vote in the sequence be limited to 10 minutes in duration; provided further, that any time utilized during Executive Session count post-cloture, if applicable. **Pages S6509–10**

Messages from the House: **Page S6502**

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—169) **Pages S6469–71, S6476, S6489**

Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 6:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6510.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, to be Chairman, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, and Scott O'Malia, of Michigan, both to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOT, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009.

OTC CREDIT DERIVATIVES MARKET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment concluded a hearing to examine reducing risks and improving oversight in the over-the-counter (OTC) credit derivatives market, after receiving testimony from Patrick M. Parkinson, Deputy Director, Division of Research and Statistics, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; James A. Overdahl, Chief Economist, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Kathryn E. Dick, Deputy Comptroller for Credit and Market Risk, Comptroller of the Currency, Administrator of National Banks, Department of the Treasury; Darrell Duffie, Stanford University Graduate School of Business, Stanford, California; Craig S. Donohue, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group (CME) Group Inc., and